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COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC) - DRAFT  
RESOLUTION L.1348 REV 1

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1. THE FIRST INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH CONSISTED OF A DETAILED, THREE HOUR FIRST READING WERE HELD 10 NOVEMBER UNDER SECOND COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN VALDES (BOLIVIA) WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING (ARGENTINA, INDIA, YUGOSLAVIA, UPPER VOLTA, SINGAPORE, FRG, UK, CANADA, BELGIUM, FRANCE, SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS, AND THE U.S.).

2. WITH THE UK AND CANADA IN THE LEAD, A LARGE NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WERE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. NONE OF THE PROPOSED SUGGESTIONS AND AMENDMENTS WAS ACCEPTED ON THE SPOT BY THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE CO-SPONSORS (ARGENTINA AND INDIA) ALTHOUGH THEY INDICATED THEY WOULD TAKE AT LEAST SOME OF THEM INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE EITHER CALLING A SECOND INFORMAL MEETING OR ISSUING REVISION TWO OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION.

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3. AMONG THE MORE IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WERE THE FOLLOWING:

A) A NEW PREAMBULAR PARA PROPOSED BY THE UK  
(AT US URGING) THAT WOULD READ "NOTING WITH SATISFACTION  
THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS  
18TH AND 20TH SESSIONS CONCERNING TCDC."

B) A NEW FORMULATION OF THE PRESENT FIFTH  
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, AGAIN PROPOSED BY THE UK, WHICH  
WOULD HAVE THE PARAGRAPH READ "REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR  
OF UNDP, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HEADS OF ALL THE  
EXECUTING AGENCIES, TO REVIEW THE CURRENT PROCEDURES AND  
PRACTICES OF THE UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM IN RECRUITING  
EXPERTS, SUB-CONTRACTING AND PROCURING EQUIPMENT AND, WHERE  
APPROPRIATE, TO RECOMMEND SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AS WILL  
STRENGTHEN THE SYSTEM'S ABILITY TO MOBILISE IN  
A PROMPT AND EFFICIENT MANNER ALL AVAILABLE HUMAN  
AND MATERIAL RESOURCES FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION,  
INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THOSE FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.  
IN THIS REGARD, THE ADMINISTRATOR IS REQUESTED TO BEAR  
IN MIND THAT, ALL OTHER THINGS BEING EQUAL, IN ORDER  
TO PROMOTE SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONGST THEM, PREFERENCE  
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PROCUREMENT OF EXPERT, SUB-  
CONTRACTORS AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
THEMSELVES."

C) INOPERATIVE PARAGRAPH TWO DELETION OF THE  
WORDS "AND FULL" IN LINE ONE AND "AS A WHOLE" IN LINE  
THREE WAS PROPOSED BY CANADA AND SUPPORTED BY THE  
UK, NETHERLANDS, FRANCE AND THE U.S.

D) IN THE ORIGINAL OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FIVE  
DELETION OF THE WORDS "AND ATTAIN EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL  
DISTRIBUTION OF RECRUITMENT, SUBCONTRACTING AND  
PURCHASING" WAS PROPOSED BY THE NETHERLANDS AND SUPPORTED  
BY THE U.S.

E) IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH SEVEN THE UK RECOMMENDED  
THAT IN LINE TWO THE SAME WORDING AS USED IN PARA I  
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OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL DECISION ON TCDC NAMELY  
"GLOBAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL SYMPOSIUM" BE SUBSTITUTED FOR  
"GLOBAL MEETING" AND THAT THE LAST WORD OF THE  
DRAFT PARAGRAPH BE CHANGED FROM CONFERENCE TO THE  
WORD "SYMPOSIUM" OR THE WORD "MEETING".

4. THE INDIA AND ARGENTINA REPS REACTED STRONGLY AND  
NEGATIVELY TO NEARLY ALL OF THE SUGGESTIONS AND

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WESTERN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES GENERALLY ACCUSING THEM OF BACK SLIDING, OBSTRUCTIONISM, BAD FAITH, ETC. HOWEVER, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THE WEO REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING SAID THAT WHILE THEY CONTINUED TO WARMLY ENDORSE THE CONCEPT OF TCDC, THEY REFUSED TO BE INTIMIDATED, PLANNED TO STAND THEIR GROUND AND MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THEY WANTED EACH OF THE ABOVE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE CO-SPONSORS.

5. COMMENT: USUN BELIEVES ALL OF THE ABOVE INNUMERATED SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WOULD SERVE TO GIVE NEEDED BALANCE TO THE RESOLUTION AND ACCORDINGLY PLANS, UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY, TO LEND ITS SUPPORT TO ALL OF THEM.

6. USUN WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION AS THEY OCCUR.

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